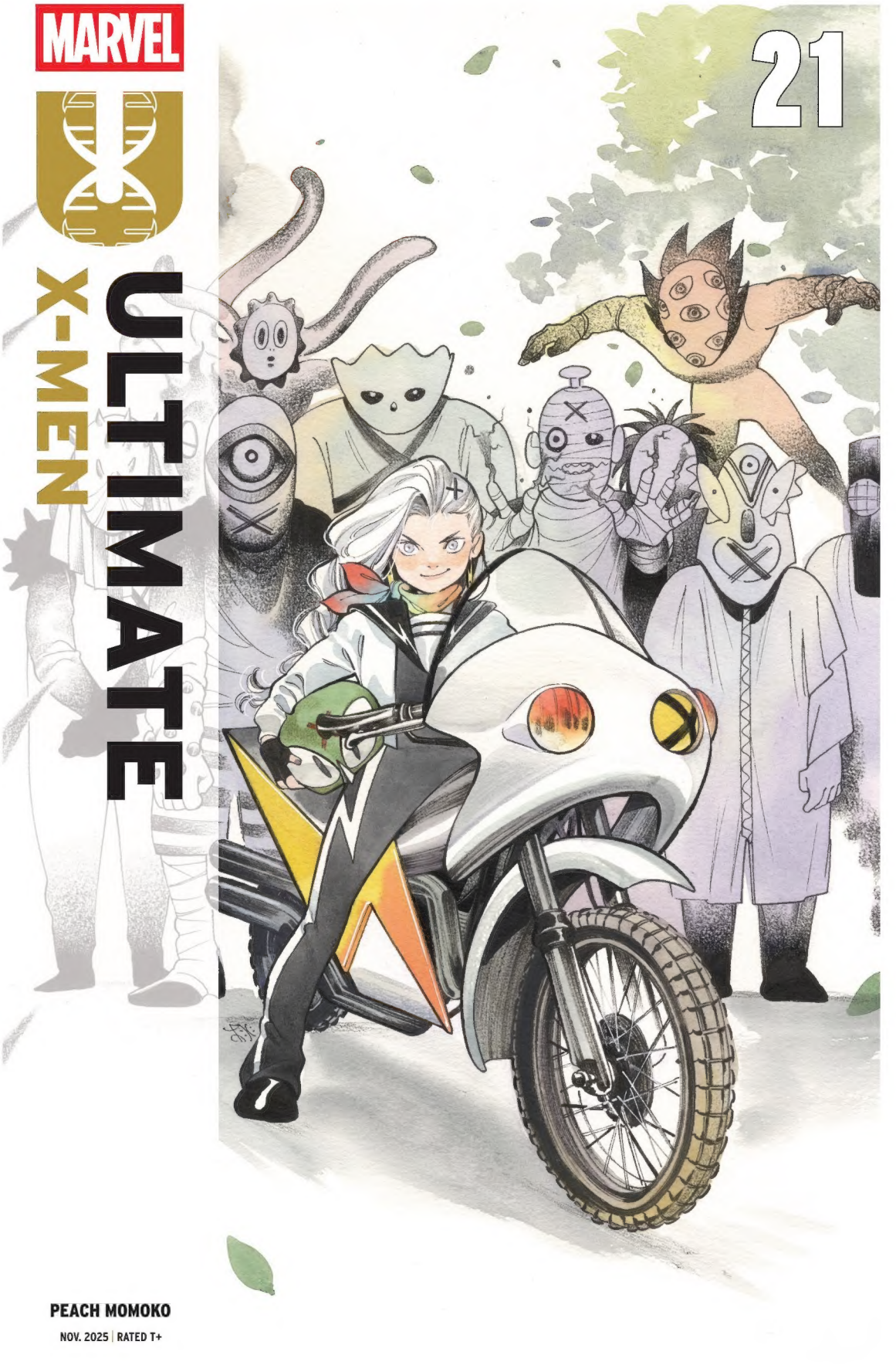
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A diabolical genius known as **THE MAKER** used time travel to create his ideal Earth by systematically preventing anyone from ever becoming a super hero—except for those on his secret **MAKER'S COUNCIL**, whom he stationed to rule over different regions of the world.

HI NO KUNI ("LAND OF THE SUN") became one of two hotbeds for mutant activity, but civilians were unaware until social media exploded with the story of **CHILDREN OF THE ATOM**, a cult for mutant youth led by a zealot known as **MAESTER**.

Mutant tension came to a head when **MEI IGARASHI (MAYSTORM)** and her masked **X-MEN** battled the Children of the Atom. This led **SUNFIRE**, the Sun Emperor and member of the Maker's Council, to declare the **MUTANT REGISTRATION ACT**. But only Maystorm, **HISAKO ICHIKI (ARMOR)**, **KANON SAINOUCHI (PSYLOCKE)** and their friends know that Sunfire is behind the Children of the Atom, building a biological weapon called **MY-X**. But MY-X couldn't exist without the mutant power of **SHINOBU KAGEYAMA (SHADOW KING)**, whose sole focus is Hisako...

ULTIMATE X-MEN

CAST:

HISAKO ICHIKI
ARMOR

MEI IGARASHI
MAYSTORM

NICO MINORU
FLEDGLING PSYCHIC

MORI
NICO'S FRIEND

NATSU TSUKISHIMA
NICO'S FRIEND

KANON SAINOUCHI
PSYLOCKE

FUTABA
MUTANT
RESEARCHER

NORIKO ASHIDA
SURGE

SHINOBU KAGEYAMA
SHADOW KING

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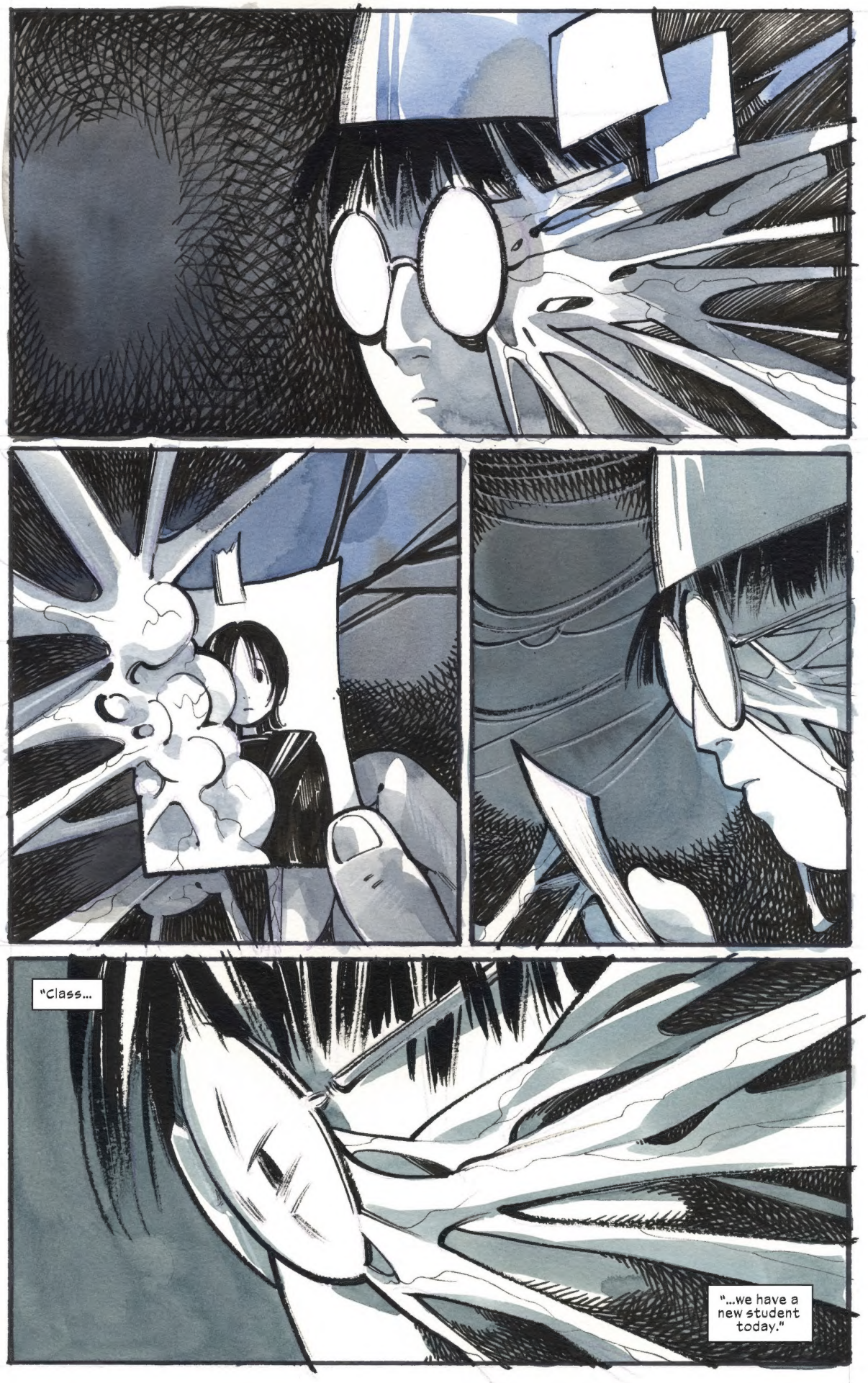
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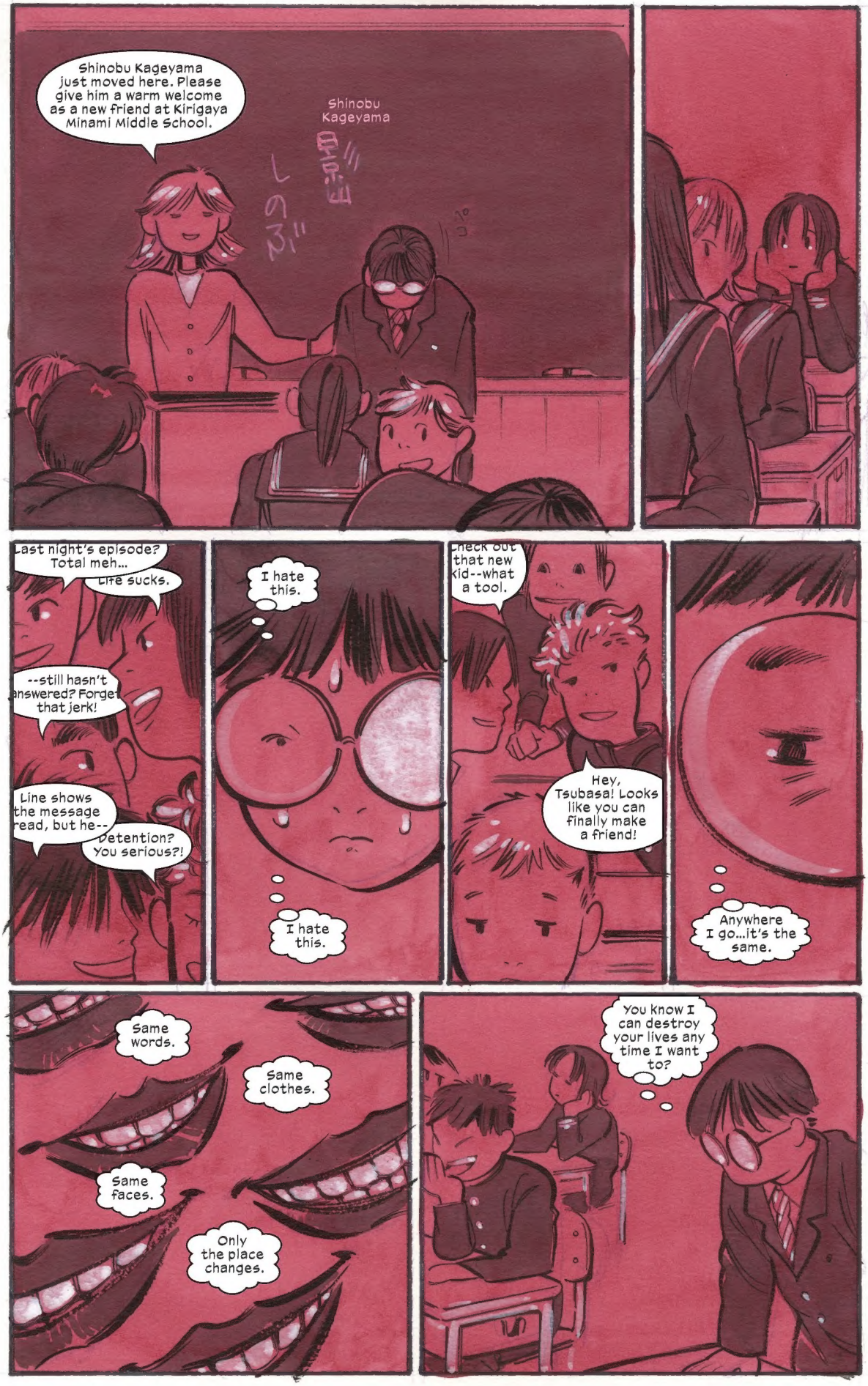
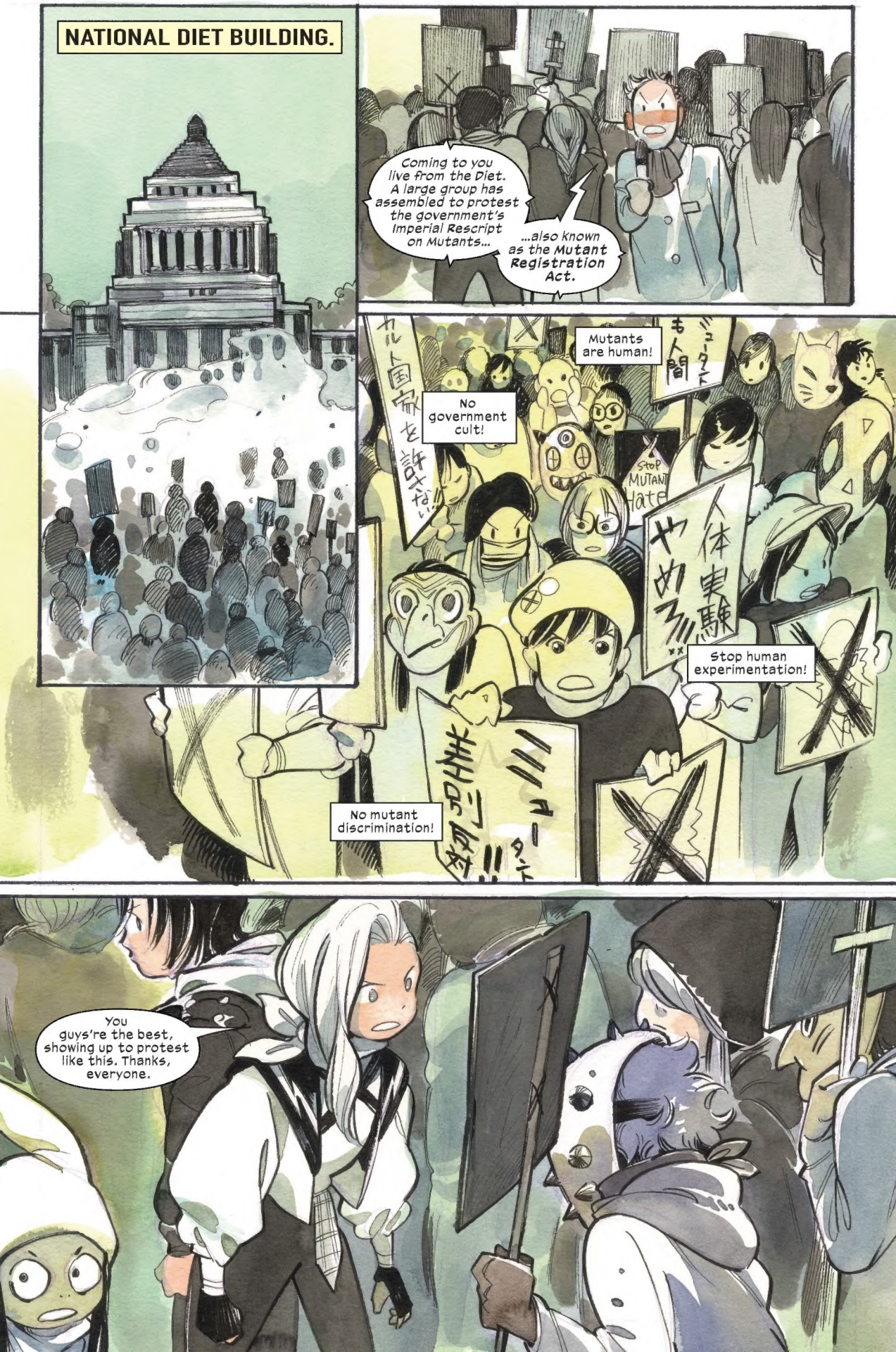
"...we have a new student today."


Shinobu Kageyama just moved here. Please give him a warm welcome as a new friend at Kirigaya Minami Middle School.
Shinobu Kageyama
Last night's episode? Total meh...
Life sucks.
--still hasn't answered? Forget that jerk!
Line shows the message read, but he--
Detention? You serious?!
I hate this.
I hate this.
Check out that new kid--what a tool.
Hey, Tsubasa! Looks like you can finally make a friend!
Anywhere I go...it's the same.
Same words.
Same clothes.
Same faces.
Only the place changes.
You know I can destroy your lives any time I want to?

Has it been two weeks already...?
I only want to be left alone in peace...
Oh, hey! I read that book! Do you like horror too?
Ugh... why is she talking to me?
Um... yes...
Did you know they banned that series because it was too scary? I have the full set, though.
That's... interesting. I didn't know.
Who is this person? I can't read her thoughts...
If you wanna borrow the next volume, let me know!
Um...
Hisako, look at you! Always trying to be sooo friendly...
He obviously doesn't want to talk to anyone.
Come on, guys. It's not like that.

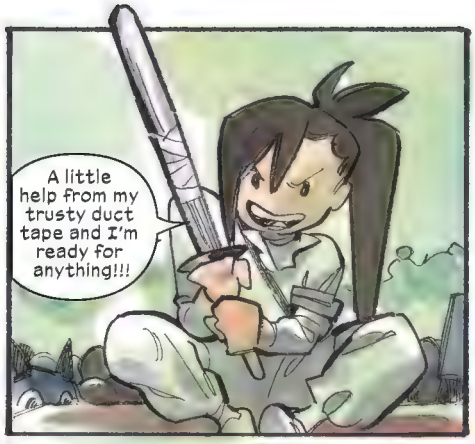
Kageyama...
Did you think I needed you? That I was lonely?
You always tried to talk to me.
Out of kindness? Or pity?
You...
You are the only person I cannot read.
...

That time I showed you the omamori, your eyes were blank. Like you didn't know who I was.
Do you remember? I do. I'll never forget.
...
Hisako!!!
Answer me!!!
Talk to me like you did the day we met...
Kageyama, you're pathetic.
Doing all of this just to try to get my attention.


NATIONAL DIET BUILDING.
Coming to you live from the Diet. A large group has assembled to protest the government's Imperial Rescript on Mutants...
...also known as the Mutant Registration Act.
Mutants are human!
No government cult!
Stop human experimentation!
No mutant discrimination!
You guys're the best, showing up to protest like this. Thanks, everyone.

My mutant children. It is a brave thing--to stand for your beliefs. To protect our dignity.
I commend your courage. Your hearts are strong.
Nevertheless...
...I cannot allow you to interfere with my plans.
Still, you may yet serve me. Your timing is perfect to test my MY-X soldiers.
Let us see what they can do.

Kanon, I thought you said your *shinai* broke?
I fixed it, Natsu!
Hey, get off my car!


A little help from my trusty duct tape and I'm ready for anything!!!

Hyeeaarghh!!!
Keaaaahh!!!
STOP MUTANT Hate

What the hell's going on?!
STOP MUTANT Hate
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Something's not right...
Who are you?! *Identify yourselves!*
They're not attacking anyone! People are just... falling over!
Mori, what's going on?!
Nngh... h-head... hurts...
Natsu, Futaba, Nico! You guys good?!
Ahh!!! Kanon, l-look! It's th-them...
M-mutants... like us...
K-Kanon... d-do something... if you can...!
I don't know who you are, but I'm not going to let you hurt my friends!!!

Hmm? That one seems unaffected.
Perhaps a more physical approach is required.
FWWPPP
KRRKK
Ah!
KONK
Whoa, my headache is gone!

SHHWWHHWWWSSHH
Uwaa!!!
Damn! They're busting the protest!!!
I guess we got the Sun Emperor's answer, huh?
Mutant against mutant!
Guys! Look at their eyes!!!
They've got that same blank look Surge had! They're being controlled!!!
No, something's different. She was still herself. These...lack emotion.

What even...is that?
I got this.
Do something, shinai! We're not out of this fight yet!
Come on...
Yeah! That's what I'm talking about!!!
Don't forget they're still mutants! Even if their heads have been messed with.
We should all be on the same side!!!

Mei, forgive me, but it's too late to talk. We must fight.
...I know, Nico...
Incoming!
Tsumuji Kaze!!!
Damn! He's fast!!!

Everyone this way!!! Move!!!
ZARRRR
I can't hold him!!!
Hisako!
KRRRRKK

My oni-ikken bounced off?!?!
Who are you?!
PANG
Let Kanon go!!!
FWWPP
KTHNNK
Ahh!!!

Urrrkkkkk...
Hi-chan!!!
FFTT FFTTT FFFT
Ahhh!!!
Burns!!!
Acid?
THNKK
Mei!

!!
!?
!?
Unnnn...
Hi-chan...
He's here...

Actually, I should thank you.
I was withdrawn from everything--from school, from life. All I wanted every day was for the world to end. But then...I got that *note* from you.
You made me curious again. For the first time in a long time, I wanted to know what happened next.
You woke me up. If you hadn't given me Tsubasa's omamori, I would have followed you blindly.
If I hadn't given you that omamori, you would have *joined me?*
No! I can't believe it!
Thank you, Kageyama. You helped me face my problems with Tsubasa.
Wait! Where are you going?
My friends are calling me.
You!!! Next time I see you...
...I might kill you...

It's my fault. I chased Hisako away...
If I hadn't returned that omamori...
The next time we meet...
...will be our last...
Kageyama...
Kageyama? Fujiwara's pet project? Why is he here?
Is it possible this telepath was somehow drawn to MY-X?
No. This is beyond them.

Hi, Hisako.
And goodbye.
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To be continued...

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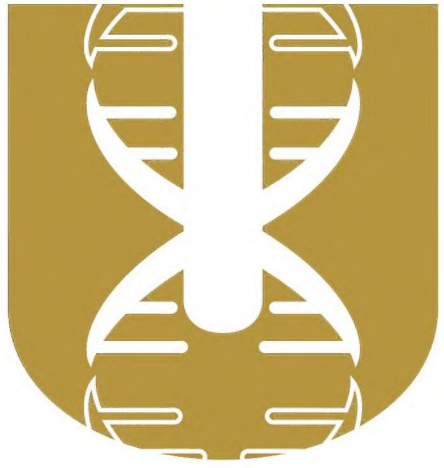

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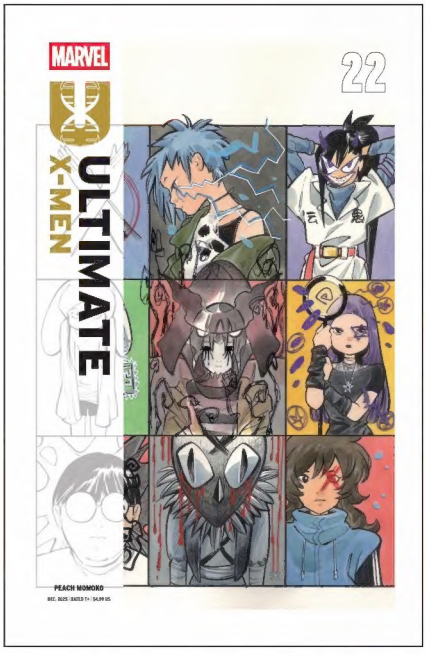

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